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SUBJECT: FDA/CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAM

REF; (A) JIDDA 618 (B) JIDDA 724 (C) JIDDA 1083

1. IN RESPON TO REFTEL A, TREASURY ASKS EMBASSY TO PASS
FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO DR. AL-QADUS OF MINCOMM:

FUNDS FOR THE FDA/CUSTOMS TRAINING COURSE CAN BE DEPOSITED
WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE DR. AL-TURKI WHO WILL PLACE
THEM IN THE US-SAUDI ARABIAN TRUST FUND EXISTING UNDER
THE JOINT COMMISSION. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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WILL HANDLE THE DISBURSEMENT OF PER DIEM AND TRANSPORTATION

ALLOWANCES. FDA AND U.S. CUSTOMS ASK THAT 33,000 DOLLARS BE DEPOSITED FOR THIS PROJECT. THIS AMOUNT BREAKS DOWN AS FOLLOWS: PER DIEM AT 35 DOLLARS PER DAY TIMES 154 DAYS TIMES 5 PEOPLE EQUALS 26,950 DOLLARS. COSTS FOR TRANSPORTATION WITHIN THE U.S. 1,000 DOLLARS TIMES 5 PEOPLE EQUALS 5,000 DOLLARS. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS AND CONTINGENCY 1,050 DOLLARS. TOTAL 33,000 DOLLARS. TRANSPORTATION COSTS HAVE BEEN RAISED FROM 500 DOLLARS TO 1,000 DOLLARS

PER PERSON TO ALLOW THE NOMINEES TO STUDY AT FDA/CUSTOMS FACILITIES IN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, AND MOBILE, ALABAMA, FOLLOWING INITIAL ORIENTATION IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TREASURY ASSUMES THAT MINCOMM WILL HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION. TREASURY WILL SHORTLY BE SENDING TO YOU A FORMAL LETTER DESCRIBING THE FDA/CUSTOMS PROGRAM WHICH WILL SERVE AS AUTHORIZATION TO DISBURSE MONEY FOLLOWING SIGNATURE BY MINCOMM AND MINFIN.

2. TREASURY APPRECIATES ASSISTANCE EMBASSY HAS RENDERED WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROJECT. LETTER OF PROJECT DESCRIPTION MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE SENT TO AMEMBASSY SHORTLY FOR CLEARANCE AND TRANSMISSION TO AL-QADUS.

3. IN RESPONSE REFTEL C, TRAINEES SHOULD ARRIVE IN U.S. BY EVENING APRIL 11 SO THAT THEY CAN BEGIN TRAINING MORNING OF APRIL 12. TRAINEES SHOULD REPORT TO U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF SAUDI ARABIAN AFFAIRS (MAIN TREASURY BUILDING, ROOM 1446) AT 10:00 AM, APRIL 12, WHERE THEY WILL BEGIN THEIR TRAINING WITH AN ORIENTATION BY TREASURY, FDA, AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS. U.S. CONTROL OFFICER FOR PROGRAM IS LAURENCE S. WOODWORTH, TREASURY, (964-8423). INGERSOLL

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